

Federal Communications Commission,

Morse code should still be a component in amateur radio testing. Though I personally have struggled to learn the code for over 10 years, I feel it is a right of passage and a historical and time honored tradition for the hobby. I do think the testing procedures should be updated to fit in with current thinking and need.

I would suggest eliminating the code requirement from any license class General or below while increasing all minimum passing grades. I also feel that an amateur should hold each license class a minimum of one year before upgrading to the next class (to gain experience). I would also suggest keeping the code requirement for any current or future license classes above General.

Or to make matters much easier, simply increase HF privileges for the Technician class (i.e.- all of 10M) and keep all other testing requirements the same. Perhaps all that many amateurs (like myself) need is just some more experience with HF to be properly motivated.

Thank you for your consideration,

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